

Post-Exposure Prophylaxis for Hepatitis A

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Recap of ACIP Process

- **ACIP considered draft recommendations in February**
- **Requested clarification of recommendations and rationale**
- **Working group formed, met 3 times**
- **Consensus was achieved**

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Recommendations for Hepatitis A Post-Exposure Prophylaxis

- For persons 12 months to 18 years old, vaccine is preferred to IG
- For persons 19 to 40 years old, vaccine is preferred to IG
- For persons >40 years old, IG is preferred though vaccine can be used if IG cannot be obtained
- For patients with chronic liver disease, immunocompromise, or children <12 months, IG should be used

Recommendations for Hepatitis A Travel Vaccination

- Updated recommendations reflect new data on vaccine effectiveness postexposure
- The first dose of vaccine at any time before travel should protect most healthy persons
- Add IG for high-risk groups traveling in <2 weeks to areas of high transmission
- Use IG instead for persons <12 months or who cannot receive vaccine

